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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOVIET PARTY DELEGATION TO FRANCE

REF: PARIS 15220

1. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JUNE 24 AT END OF PONOMAREV'S VISIT TO FRANCE BEARS OUT GENERAL CONCLUSION REFTTEL OF GROWING STRAINS IN FRENCH-SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY RELATIONS. WHILE PONOMAREV WAS "RECEIVED" BY PCF GENERAL SECRETARY MARCHAIS AND TRANSMITTED "FRATERNAL GREETING" FROM CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND BREZHNEV, ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN PONOMAREV AND OTHER PCF LEADERS.

2. COMMUNIQUE NOTES THAT PCF STRESSED TO SOVIETS ITS DESIRE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR A UNION OF FRENCH PEOPLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. CPSU DELEGATION, FOR ITS PART, SAID TO HAVE EXPLAINED ITS POLICIES, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE PROGRAM ADOPTED AT THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE THE TWO DELEGATIONS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL
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MOVEMENT.

3. DESPITE A RITUALISTIC BOW TO THE PURSUIT OF CONTINUED PARTY COOPERATION, COMMUNIQUE MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY EVIDENT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE MEETING OF MINDS ON KEY ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR, ON RECONCILIATION OF PCF INTERNAL INITIATIVES WITH SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY AND ON QUESTION OF WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. LATTER SUBJECT WAS IN FACT COMPLETELY IGNORED IN COMMUNIQUE.
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